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SUBJ: JORDANIAN REPORTS FROM YEMEN

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1. AS REPORTED EARLIER, KING HUSSEIN PROVIDED ME WITH INFORMATION ON THREE CABLES WHICH HE RECEIVED EARLY MORNING HOURS JULY 4 FROM HIS AMBASSADOR (MUSTAFA) IN SANAA. MUCH OF INFORMATION PARALLELS THAT PROVIDED BY SANAA REFTEL. FOR THE RECORD, HOWEVER, HERE IS THE INFORMATION.

2. FIRST CABLE RECEIVED NOTED THAT LT. COL. (MUKKADAM) MUJAHID ABU-SHUWARIB, CLAIMING TO BE FIRST DEPUTY TO LEADER OF NORTH YEMEN CC SAW AMBASSADOR, SAID HE WAS DIRECTLY REPRESENTING HAMDI, AND BROUGHT USUAL GREETINGS TO KING. MADE URGENT APPEAL FOR AMMUNITION AS COVERED REFTELS. SAID NORTH YEMEN HAD RELIABLE

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INFORMATION THAT THERE WERE ACTIVE PREPARATIONS GOING ON IN

SOUTH YEMEN WHICH MIGHT POSSIBLY ATTACK NORTH POSITIONS WITHIN NEXT 48 HOURS. AMMUNITION URGENTLY REQUIRED TO BOLSTER POSITION OF GARRISONS ALONG NORTH YEMEN/SOUTH YEMEN FRONTIERS.

3. SECOND MESSAGE FROM AMBASSADOR BASED ON INFORMATION PROVIDED TO HIM BY A LT. COL ABDALLAH HIJAZI. HE REPORTED THAT A LIBYAN REPRESENTATIVE HAD COME TO NORTH YEMEN. (NAME UNCLEAR BUT APPEARS TO BE A COL. SEIF QADDAHFIDIN?. HE MET HAMDI AND PASSED A VERBAL MESSAGE FROM QADDAFI. GIST OF THIS MESSAGE WAS THAT LIBYA WAS READY TO OFFER MATERIEL AND MILITARY TRAINING SUPPORT. HOWEVER, THERE WERE CONDITIONS. NORTH YEMEN WOULD BE EXPECTED TO "MOVE AWAY" FROM SAUDI ARABIA AND EGYPT. HAMDI REPORTEDLY REFUSED OFFER. HE RELATED THROUGH HIJAZI FACT THAT HIS CONFIDENCE IN LIBYA DISTINCTLY LIMITED AND THAT LIBYAN POSITION COULD WELL CHANGE WITH NEXT QADDAFI VISIT SAUDI ARABIA AND EGYPT. ONE OF MUSTAFA'S JORDANIAN MILITARY OFFICERS REPORTEDLY MET HAMDI WHO CONFIRMED ABOVE DIRECTLY.

4. AMBASSADOR MUSTAFA IN THIRD CABLE REPORTED MEETING WHICH HE HAD WITH HAMDI (APPARENTLY JULY 3) FOR 45 MINUTES. HAMDI EXPLAINED TO MUSTAFA REASONS FOR ARMY TAKEOVER. (KING DID NOT PROVIDE ME WITH THIS RATIONAL.) HAMDI TOLD MUSTAFA HE HAD STRONG DESIRE TO INCREASE HIS COOPERATION WITH JORDANIAN ARMED FORCES. HE WANTED TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR TRAINING OF NORTH YEMEN ARMED FORCES. HE HOPED THE JORDANIANS WOULD UNDERTAKE IMMEDIATELY A STUDY OF WHAT IS REQUIRED, BOTH IN TERMS OF TRAINING AND WESTERN MILITARY HARDWARE. HAMDI MENTIONED HIS DESIRE FOR COMPLETE REMOVAL OF SOVIETS WHO WERE SUPPLYING EQUIPMENT AND ADVICE TO SOUTH YEMEN.

5. THIRD MESSAGE CONTINUES BY EXPLAINING THAT HAMDI PLANS TO VISIT SAUDI ARABIA ON JULY 7. HE INTENDS TO DISCUSS WITH SAUDIS REQUESTS OF THE NORTH YEMEN ARMY TO RELY ON JORDAN FOR HELP IN TRAINING AND RE-EQUIPMENT. HAMDI SAID HE HOPES SAUDIS WILL PAY FOR THIS. HE PROMISED JORDANIANS COMPLETE FILL-IN WHEN HE RETURNS FROM SAUDI ARABIA. HE HAS ASKED JORDANIANS TO PROVIDE HIM WITH A STUDY ON JULY 6 OF NORTH YEMEN NEEDS. HE WAS APPEALING TO KING HUSSEIN FOR HELP IN INCREASING JORDANIAN TRAINING ESTABLISHMENT IN NORTH YEMEN AND TO ASSIST IN STUDIES OF TRAINING NEEDS AND EQUIPMENT. IF HE FAILED TO GET HELP FROM

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SAUDIS FOR FUNDING THIS PROGRAM HE WOULD GO WHEREVER HE COULD TO FIND IT AND, IF NECESSARY, WOULD DO "IMPOSSIBLE" AND YEMEN WOULD PAY ON ITS OWN. HE WOULD GO TO ANY EXTENT TO KEEP LINK WITH JORDAN.

5. MUSTAFA COMMENTED IN LAST CABLE TO KING THAT HE BELIEVES HAMDI IS SINCERE AND THAT THERE IS A STRONG POSSIBILITY THAT SOVIETS IN YEMEN WILL BE REPLACED BY JORDAN. JORDAN EMBASSY IN

SANAA HAS ALREADY UNDERTAKEN TO DO REQUIRED STUDY PRIOR
TO HAMDI SAUDI TRIP BY JUL 6.

6. COMMENT: KING'S REPORTS TO ME CONTAIN NO HINT THAT JORDAN
WILL BE ASKED TO REMOVE "TEMPORARILY" ITS MILITARY AID
PERSONNEL IN YEMEN.
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